

HOUSE No. 4925

Section 355 contained in the engrossed Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2005 (see House, No. 4850), which had been returned by His Excellency the Governor with recommendation of amendment (for message, see Attachment Z of House, No. 4901). June 28, 2004.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Four

An Act providing for an investigation by a special commission relative to the effects of oxycontin and other drug use.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court
assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

SECTION 1. There shall be a special commission to study the impact and effects on youth of the abuse of OxyContin and other prescription and illicit drugs including, but not limited to, Duragesic, Klonopin, Methadone, Morphine, Vicodin, as well as their generic equivalents, and cocaine, heroin, GHB, and MDMA. The commission shall consist of 3 members appointed by the speaker of the house, including the house chair of the joint committee on health care, 3 members appointed by the senate president, including the senate chair of the joint committee on health care, the commissioner of mental health, the commissioner of public health drug control program and 3 persons to be appointed by the governor, all of whom shall be members of the medical and

substance abuse treatment community with specialty experience in drug regulation, prescription, treatment and abuse. The commission shall study the prescription, dispensing, treatment and education of those drugs and shall submit a report, including legislative recommendations, if any, to the clerk of the house of representatives who shall forward the same to the joint committee on health care and the house and senate committee on ways and means on or before June 15, 2005.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect oas of July 1, 2004.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.